



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** November 16, 2010

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Administration Division, Airport Department

**SUBJECT:** Santa Barbara Beautiful Grant

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Authorize the receipt of grant funds totaling \$40,000 from Santa Barbara Beautiful; and
- B. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues for Fiscal Year 2011 by \$40,000 in the Airport Fund for the design and installation of the North Rotunda Floor Medallion for the Airline Terminal Project.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Airport Department, in collaboration with the City Arts Advisory Committee, the Visual Arts and Public Places Committee and the committees' staff developed a Public Art Program for the new airline terminal now under construction.

The Public Art Program has three components: long term loan of existing art, commissioned art, and a rotating exhibit of regional art. The commissioned art component was initiated in December 2009 with a "Call for Artists" for three commissioned art projects. Proposals were received and artist teams were selected for each of the three projects. The projects are a ceramic tile mosaic floor medallion in the North Rotunda entrance to the new terminal; wood beam stenciling in the entry pavilion of the terminal, and design elements affixed to the wrought iron railing on the terminal's second floor.

Santa Barbara Beautiful, formed by civic leaders in 1965, is dedicated to beautifying our area and works cooperatively with the City and local community groups. The organization's Board of Directors expressed interest in participating in the new terminal's Public Art Program by making a monetary contribution to a significant and prominent work of art. The Board selected the North Rotunda Floor Medallion and unanimously approved the award of a \$40,000 grant to the City of Santa Barbara towards the funding of this work of art.

The grant funding will be submitted to the City in three installments as the design and installation of the art progresses. The total budget for the medallion is \$65,000 and the balance of the funding will come from the Airline Terminal Project budget allocated for this purpose.

Staff recommends that Council accept this grant award as it is an excellent demonstration of community support of the public arts program and will extend the limited funding allocated for public art in the Airline Terminal Project budget.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Karen Ramsdell, Airport Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office